

106TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4108

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to make grants to improve security at schools, including the placement and use of metal detectors.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2000

Mr. ROTHMAN (for himself, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. HYDE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. WEINER, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. CONYERS, Mrs. BONO, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Secure Our Schools  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL**  
2 **SECURITY.**

3 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
4 Streets Act of 1968 is amended by inserting after part  
5 Z the following new part:

6 **“PART AA—MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR**  
7 **SCHOOL SECURITY**

8 **“SEC. 2701. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Bureau of  
10 Justice Assistance is authorized to make grants to States,  
11 units of local government, and Indian tribes to provide im-  
12 proved security, including the placement and use of metal  
13 detectors and other deterrent measures, at schools and on  
14 school grounds.

15 “(b) USES OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this  
16 section shall be distributed directly to the State, unit of  
17 local government, or Indian tribe, and shall be used to im-  
18 prove security at schools and on school grounds in the ju-  
19 risdiction of the grantee through one or more of the fol-  
20 lowing:

21 “(1) Placement and use of metal detectors,  
22 locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures.

23 “(2) Security assessments.

24 “(3) Security training of personnel and stu-  
25 dents.

26 “(4) Coordination with local law enforcement.

1           “(5) Any other measure that, in the determina-  
2           tion of the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assist-  
3           ance, may provide a significant improvement in secu-  
4           rity.

5           “(c) PREFERENTIAL CONSIDERATION.—In awarding  
6           grants under this part, the Director of the Bureau of Jus-  
7           tice Assistance shall give preferential consideration, if fea-  
8           sible, to an application from a jurisdiction that has a dem-  
9           onstrated need for improved security, has a demonstrated  
10          need for financial assistance, and has evidenced the ability  
11          to make the improvements for which the grant amounts  
12          are sought.

13          “(d) MATCHING FUNDS.—The portion of the costs of  
14          a program provided by a grant under subsection (a) may  
15          not exceed 50 percent. Any funds appropriated by Con-  
16          gress for the activities of any agency of an Indian tribal  
17          government or the Bureau of Indian Affairs performing  
18          law enforcement functions on any Indian lands may be  
19          used to provide the non-Federal share of a matching re-  
20          quirement funded under this subsection.

21          “(e) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—In awarding  
22          grants under this part, the Director of the Bureau of Jus-  
23          tice Assistance shall ensure, to the extent practicable, an  
24          equitable geographic distribution among the regions of the

1 United States and among urban, suburban, and rural  
2 areas.

3 “(f) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The Director of the  
4 Bureau of Justice Assistance may reserve not more than  
5 2 percent from amounts appropriated to carry out this Act  
6 for administrative costs.

7 **“SEC. 2702. APPLICATIONS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—To request a grant under this  
9 part, the chief executive of a State, unit of local govern-  
10 ment, or Indian tribe shall submit an application to the  
11 Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance at such time,  
12 in such manner, and accompanied by such information as  
13 the Director may require. Each application shall include  
14 a detailed explanation of—

15 “(1) the intended uses of funds provided under  
16 the grant; and

17 “(2) how the activities funded under the grant  
18 will meet the purpose of this part.

19 “(b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after  
20 the date of the enactment of this part, the Director of  
21 the Bureau of Justice Assistance shall promulgate regula-  
22 tions to implement this section (including the information  
23 that must be included and the requirements that the  
24 States, units of local government, and Indian tribes must

1 meet) in submitting the applications required under this  
2 section.

3 **“SEC. 2703. ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

4 “Not later than November 30th of each year, the Di-  
5 rector of the Bureau of Justice Assistance shall submit  
6 a report to the Congress regarding the activities carried  
7 out under this part. Each such report shall include, for  
8 the preceding fiscal year, the number of grants funded  
9 under this part, the amount of funds provided under those  
10 grants, and the activities for which those funds were used.

11 **“SEC. 2704. DEFINITIONS.**

12 “For purposes of this part—

13 “(1) the term ‘State’ means each of the 50  
14 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth  
15 of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands,  
16 American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana  
17 Islands;

18 “(2) the term ‘unit of local government’ means  
19 a county, municipality, town, township, village, par-  
20 ish, borough, or other unit of general government  
21 below the State level; and

22 “(3) the term ‘Indian tribe’ has the same mean-  
23 ing as in section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determina-  
24 tion and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.  
25 450b(e)).

1 **“SEC. 2705. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
3 this part the following amounts:

4               “(1) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.

5               “(2) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

6               “(3) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.”.

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